

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are currently pending in this application. Claim 48 has been withdrawn from consideration, as directed to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1-47 are under consideration. The specification and pending claims have been amended pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions and to correct certain informalities. None of the amendments introduces new matter to the application. Entry and consideration of the amendments is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicants note, with appreciation, that the Examiner has found all the pending claims to be novel and non-obvious over the prior art. However, the Examiner has rejected the pending claims under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner has objected to certain terms and language in the pending claims that he considers indefinite. In addition, the Examiner has objected to certain typographical errors and other informalities in the disclosure of this application, and requires their correction. These are corrected in the amendment *supra* and pursuant to the Examiner's recommendations.

At the outset, Applicants note that the Examiner has objected to the specification, stating that the six digit patent number recited in the specification at page 10, line 11 is "spurious." Applicants wish to respectfully point out, however, that no patent or other number is recited at page 10, line 11 of the application as filed. However, Applicants have noticed, upon review of the specification, that the application as filed inadvertently recites a six digit application serial number (on page 5, line 11) rather than the intended patent number. This paragraph has therefore been amended to correct that error. Based on the foregoing, it is believed that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection to the specification.

The pending claims have also been amended, *supra*, to correct informalities that are the basis of rejections for indefiniteness. Specifically, the term "IgG," to which the Examiner has objected, has been deleted from the pending claims and replaced with the phrase "human gammaglobulin G." Claims 1, 44, and 46 have also been amended so that the steps in these claims consistently use the same verb tense — *i.e.*, these claims now particularly specify steps of Pasteurizing, treating, diafiltering, concentrating, and nanofiltering.

Dependent claim 21 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, so that the claim now properly depends from claim 20. Hence, the amended claim now has proper antecedent basis for the term "sugar alcohol" in the claim from which it directly depends.

Also, claims 42 and 46 have been amended as requested by the Examiner, to more particularly specify that the additional steps recited in those claims take place after solubilization of human gammaglobulin G (claim 42) and after precipitation of insoluble, high molecular weight aggregates (claim 46). Support for these amendments can be found at pages 20, line 22 to page 21, line 30. The word "between" has been deleted from step (b) in claim 46, and the step has been indented, as requested by the Examiner. In addition, claim 46 has been amended to more particularly specify that the solution is heated "to" (rather than "at") $25 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$, as described in the application as filed at page 21, line 30.

It is believed that the above-made amendments obviate all of the Examiner's rejections and objections to the present application. Accordingly, the entry and consideration of these amendments, and the withdrawal of those rejections and objections are respectfully requested. An allowance is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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